



BRETFORD FC FAREWELL GRIFFIN PARK FOCUS GROUP

11/03/2019 – The Boardroom 6-8pm

REPRESENTNG BRETFORD FC:

Nity Raj, Director, Cliff Crown, Chairman, Ryan Murrant, Fan Engagement Manager, Kirsty Rice, Farewell Griffin Park Project Manager.

10 supporters plus members of BIAS attended.

MEETING NOTES

The meeting opens with introductions and a discussion of some cross over areas with the Heritage focus group were discussed.

- A model of GP is being considered and the logistics of where it will be displayed, plus the commerciality of smaller models plus other merchandise, limited editions etc.
- We are looking at plans to sell things off, from GP, including the practicality of this and how it will be executed.
- Can we take turnstiles/other items? Some ideas are harder to facilitate and the labour of moving them/keeping them has to come into consideration.
- Can we take excess stuff to the pubs and the surrounding areas where people will use the pubs or have like pop up museums?
- When we have asked previously about whether there is something specific from the stadium that everyone would recognise, which must come with us, nothing has come up. One idea to take the “spirit” of GP is to create something new from the fabric – an idea raised before was to take some wood, steel and copper to make something commemorative: e.g. a bell or something similar. We will look at ideas for that.
- We can't get more than c12,000 people here for the last game, more will want to be here, could we screen the game to the new stadium. Would there be demand?
- Could we have an event that starts that night at 1904 and finishes at 2020?
- We could have the awards the following day at the stadium on the pitch, we could have an event most days of the week after the stadium finishes.
- We need to guarantee people will come to the last game and the right people can get in. The best way is to get a season ticket. We will investigate how to ensure we run the priority scheme fairly.
- We will find out if it is possible and practical to move the centre circle. Would that be compatible with the new pitch technology
- What do people want for the last game under the lights?
- Is there scope for a museum in a building near the stadium? Various ideas also put forward at the heritage forum were discussed.
- We need to bring to life some of the uniqueness of GP in the last season.
- There should be a memorial service as many have people have had their ashes here.
- Who will turn the lights off and lock the door for the last time?
- We have fans like Audrey Baker who would love to get involved, she is 98 as it stands so she will be 100 when we move. She has invested heavily over the next two years so her support should be celebrated.



- Important games to remember are Peterborough to take us up to Division 1 in 1992, and cup in 1988/89. Also when we beat Fulham 4-0 that year. Could we get old players in to recreate old goals.
- Everyone has memories, can you have competitions where fans can win the chance to meet their heroes?
- Will fans have the chance to write their memories in the programmes?
- We need that to reach a wider audience so we could put content on the screens at the new stadium. There has been a lot of talk of that.
- The Trust will be there as our neighbours, there is potential for them to use some stuff as educational reasons so that may weave into what we are doing.
- Touched on B team and making them cool. We need to start making them cool and Lars is keen to support that. Farewell Griffin Park doesn't have to be 100 years ago it can start next year. The future can start with farewell.
- Will there be a one-off kit even just for one game? Can we capture the last moments, can we capture the ultimate selfie? Where people can find themselves.
- Can we have a physical ticket for the last game. Can we give a false ticket and be creative with it a nod to old tickets? There is probably a greater commercial opportunity there.
- Can people pay to take penalties on the pitch or some other opportunity to use the pitch commercially or for charities?
- Will the ground open early that day for people to reminisce and late, for people to spend time saying goodbye?
- Some discussion around tours.
- Nods to the first game v West Ham: a 12 year old was involved in kicking off that game, and we could do something similar.